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SETTING UP OF WOMEN CELL FOR FAMILY PLANNING
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up Women Cell at the Block level to encourage family planning amongst women in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefore; and

(c) the steps taken/ being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a): No, Sir. Though there is no such proposal to set up women cell at any level to encourage family planning, however family planning services at grass root level are provided by Auxiliary Nursing Midwives (ANM), assisted by the Anganwadi Workers (AWW) and propagated by female health activists i.e. Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHA). These three women at grass root level form the major protagonist of Family Planning Services.

(b)&(c): To encourage Family Planning through responsible and planned parenthood, voluntary and informed choice of Family Planning method best suited to acceptors have been adopted as envisaged in National Population Policy 2000 and further incorporated in the implementation frame work of National Rural Health Mission/RCH-II. Government has taken various steps to encourage family planning viz;
(i) addressing unmet need for contraception,
(ii) Insurance cover to the sterilization acceptors, Indemnity to doctors and
(iii) revised package of compensation for loss of wages to persons who undergo sterilization i.e. Vasectomy from existing Rs.800/- to Rs.1500/- and Tubectomy from Rs.800/- to Rs.1000/- in public facilities and to Rs.1500/- for both vasectomy and tebectomy in accredited private health facilities to all categories in High focus States and BPL/SC/ST in Non High Focus States.